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STEVENSON BILL ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMISSION PASSED BY HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS -- Senate Bill 30, legislation co-sponsored by State Rep. Dan Stevenson (D-Hammond) that creates a commission to study all state committees and boards to determine their usefulness, passed out of the House today by a vote of 90 - 0.

The Government Efficiency Commission will review state committees and boards and make recommendations to the governor as to which are necessary and which can be cut. This bill will keep this commission in effect until 2006.

"It is necessary to streamline our government to make sure there are no redundancies, that everything is running as efficiently as possible," said Stevenson. "At the same time, though, we do not need to just throw everything out. Many state committees have provided invaluable information for making legislative decisions."

Senate Bill 30 will also affect the Lake County Regional Transportation Authority. Three additional members will be added: the mayor of Valparaiso, the mayor of Portage and a member of the Porter County Board of Commissioners.

This bill establishes the Northwest Indiana Transportation, Infrastructure and Economic Development Interim Study Commission.

"We need to improve the economic situation in Northwest Indiana," said Stevenson. "This commission will help us create the solutions to do that."

Senate Bill 30 will now return to the Senate for concurrence on changes made in the House.